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Children & Family Services Division California Wraparound Program

Background

Wraparound was established in 1997 with Senate Bill 163. It is considered a “promising practice” in the field of child and family professionals. Counties may participate in Wraparound subject to CDSS approval of an Implementation Plan. CDSS provides support in the form of structured training and individualized technical assistance in all stages of planning, program development, and implementation.

Program Description

- Shifts the service delivery focus to a needs-driven, strengths-based approach.
- A definable way of partnering with families to provide intensive services to children and with complex needs using a team approach. It is intended as an alternative to residential care.
- The child and family work directly with a team comprised of professionals and members of the family’s community - people chosen by the family.
- The team develops an individualized service plan that describes all of the needs identified by the child and family and how those needs will be met.

Target Population

- Children who are (1) dependents or probation wards of the court, and (2) either placed in or at imminent risk of placement in group homes at RCL 10-14, (3) Children eligible for AB 3632 services through the education system and, (4) adopted children who receive Adoption Assistance Program benefits, are also be eligible for Wraparound. Counties may develop additional criteria and eligibility determined by other funding sources.

Participation

- As of December 2009, 44 counties in California are serving children and families with wraparound. Another 9 counties are actively planning to implement a program.
- There are currently 4, 136 approved Wraparound slots, which are not capped but only limited by the local capacity to provide the services in a wraparound model.

Funding

- SB 163 authorized counties to use the State and county share of foster care placement dollars that would have otherwise been paid to a group home. The State and county share of foster care funds can be used in a flexible manner to provide Wraparound Services.
- Reimbursement rates for Wraparound Services are defined in WIC 18254 and are based on current RCL rates for group homes in California.
- CDSS approves the number of “slots” a county may claim. The amount claimed for each slot is the RCL rate assigned to the child. The slots are claimed as part of a county’s normal assistance payment from the State. Counties may claim the full amount while the child is enrolled in Wraparound.
- CDSS requires counties to ensure that any cost savings realized from utilizing Wraparound are reinvested to further expand or enhance services and resources for children and families.

